

**Introduced by Committee on Education (Senators Scott (Chair),
Alquist, Denham, Dutton, Lowenthal, Maldonado, Morrow,
Romero, Simitian, Soto, Speier, and Torlakson)**

February 18, 2005

An act to amend Sections 52295.35 and 52295.36 of the Education Code, relating to technology assistance grants.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 514, as introduced, Committee on Education. Education technology.

Existing law, the Education Technology Grant Act of 2002, provides technology education grants for schools serving pupils in grades 4 to 8, inclusive, consistent with that federal law. Existing law requires the amount of funding for grants available to each California Technology Assistance Project region to be determined based upon the proportionate enrollment of pupils in grades 4 to 8, inclusive, in eligible schools from that region, but provides that a region shall not be allocated less than \$1,000,000 or 2% of available grant funds, whichever amount is greater.

This bill would change that minimum amount to \$1,000,000 or 2% of available grant funds, whichever amount is lesser.

Existing law requires the amount of a grant to be greater than \$25,000, nor more than 60% of the funds available in the region.

This bill would, instead, provide the intent of the Legislature that the amount of a grant be greater than \$25,000, and if available funding does not permit a grant at that level, the Superintendent would be required to ensure that funding is allocated to all eligible applicants.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 52295.35 of the Education Code, as added by Section 9 of Chapter 681 of the Statutes of 2004, is amended to read:

52295.35. (a) Applicants within each of the 11 California Technology Assistance Project regions shall compete against other applicants from that region. The amount of funding for grants available to each region shall be determined based upon the proportionate enrollment of pupils in grades 4 to 8, inclusive, in eligible schools from that region, but a region shall not be allocated less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or 2 percent of available grant funds, whichever amount is ~~greater~~ *lesser*.

(b) If a region is allocated more funding than is needed for its eligible applicants, the Superintendent of ~~Public Instruction~~ may develop a policy to ensure that all funding is distributed to other regions for their eligible but unfunded applicants.

(c) Grants shall be awarded to an eligible school district for the eligible school or schools specified in the program application. All grant funds shall be spent in a manner consistent with the local educational agency technology plan, pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 51871.5 and subdivision (a) of Section 2414 of Part D of Title II of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110), and the program application and shall be used for the eligible school or schools specified in the approved application.

(d) The initial one-time implementation grant for a school selected to receive a grant shall be calculated based upon three hundred dollars (\$300) per pupil for pupils in grades 4 to 8, inclusive. Upon recommendation from the department, the State Board of Education may adopt criteria that establish fixed minimum grant levels for a small school.

(e) Subject to availability of federal funding appropriated for competitive grants under Part D of Title II of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110), any grant recipient that successfully completes the initial grant shall receive an additional one-time grant of forty-five dollars (\$45) per pupil in grades 4 to 8, inclusive, at the school or schools selected for funding. The purpose of this funding shall be to continue implementation of the grant recipients' approved

1 technology plan in a manner consistent with the requirements of
2 Part D of Title II of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of
3 2001 (Public Law 107-110), including plans to sustain the use of
4 technology as a tool in improving teaching and pupil academic
5 achievement once the grant period ends.

6 (f) This section shall become operative July 1, 2005.

7 SEC. 2. Section 52295.36 of the Education Code is amended
8 to read:

9 52295.36. (a) ~~The~~ *It is the intent of the Legislature that the*
10 *amount of a grant may not be less than be at least twenty-five*
11 *thousand dollars (\$25,000), nor but not more than sixty 60*
12 *percent of the funds available in the region. If the funding*
13 *available does not permit each grant to be at least twenty-five*
14 *thousand dollars (\$25,000) the Superintendent shall ensure that*
15 *funding is allocated to all eligible applicants on an equal basis.*

16 (b) Subject to availability of federal funding appropriated for
17 competitive grants under Part D of Title II of the federal No
18 Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110), the
19 duration of the grant shall be consistent with the federal
20 requirements.

21 (c) This section is operative on July 1, 2005.